Exporter Indicted for Selling Wiretap Devices Overseas

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a federal grand jury yesterday for mailing electronic eavescials of two foreign countries.

Bast, owner of the Redex Corp., Suite 629, at 1404 New York Avenue NW.

The foreign governments were not named in the indictment. According to the prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Drury, the eavesdrop-

those devices included an atthose devices included an attache case with a concealed, first warned regarding the seas. built-in microphone, a tie-clip sale of eavesdropping devices microphone, and a voice-activated FM transmitter. Drury said the entire package sold Justice Department.

Sale of eavesdropping devices in 1969, when he first came under investigation by the Justice Department.

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exporting firm was indicted by counts of sending an elec-yesterday that Redex's busitronic device illegally through ness consists primarily of the dropping equipment to offi- the mail. He was also charged sale of electronic equipment. with two counts of illegal pos- From his small New York Named in the six-count in session of electronic devices Avenue office, he told a redictment was Richard Lee and two counts of illegally ad-porter in an earlier interview, vertising electronic devices.

vertising counts, is the first prosecution of its kind in the go-go girls to Vietnam. country.

Last month, federal agents

that I'm not guilty. I'm sure tive who now lives in Fairfax ment.

the full story will eventually County, has run Redex and several other expert-import The owner of a Washington Bast was charged with two businesses since 1960. He said

> he has also operated Redex The case is the first of its Viet-Nam, Inc., a company kind in the Washington area, that made news in 1967 when and in the case of the two ad-

Another of his enterprises John E. Drury, the cavesdrop-ping devices were to be used for "internal investigations" in have been approximately 10 small arms—rifles, machine have been approximately 10 small arms—rifles, machine According to the indictment, wiretap statute passed in 1968. adds—to foreign governments

"I'm a middleman," he once

Bast was not arrested yes-Bast told a reporter yester with a search warrant visited terday. Instead, he had arday: "My lawyer tells me not bast's office, prosecutors said. ranged through his lawyer to make any comment except bast, 39, a Washington na-appear in court for arraign-Bast, 39, a Washington na- appear in court for arraign-